

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 22, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1565

Introduced by Assembly Member V. Manuel Pérez

January 29, 2014

An act to add ~~Section 714~~ *Article 3.05 (commencing with Section 987.40)* to *Chapter 6 of Division 4* of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 1565, as amended, V. Manuel Pérez. Department of Veterans Affairs: state services for veterans.

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is responsible for administering various programs and services for the benefit of veterans.

This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to ~~identify the state services most commonly used by veterans, to work with the state agencies that provide those services to develop a single application process or form for veterans to use to apply for those services, and to create a process for collecting those applications and forwarding them to appropriate state agencies.~~ *review existing providers of transportation services to veterans for the purpose of identifying those areas of the state most in need of volunteer transportation providers for veterans. The bill would also require the department to compile a list, by county, of veterans’ transportation providers and to make the list available on its Internet Web site and on mobile devices, as specified.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Article 3.05 (commencing with Section 987.40)*
2 *is added to Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans*
3 *Code, to read:*

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5 *Article 3.05. Veterans Transportation Program*
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7 987.40. (a) *The department shall review existing veterans'*
8 *transportation providers for the purpose of identifying those areas*
9 *of the state most in need of volunteer transportation providers for*
10 *veterans.*

11 (b) (1) *The department shall compile a list, by county, of all*
12 *entities that provide transportation services to veterans for the*
13 *purposes of attending medical and mental health appointments,*
14 *including the provider's telephone number, address, and point of*
15 *contact, if known.*

16 (2) *The department shall post the list of veterans' transportation*
17 *providers on its Internet Web site and shall make that list available*
18 *via the department's mobile application, known as "CalVet Mobile*
19 *App.," to enable access by mobile telephone and other devices.*

20 ~~SECTION 1. Section 714 is added to the Military and Veterans~~
21 ~~Code, to read:~~

22 ~~714. The department shall do all of the following:~~

23 ~~(a) Identify the state services most commonly used and sought~~
24 ~~by veterans, including unemployment and disability insurance~~
25 ~~benefits and the CalWORKS program, using information gathered~~
26 ~~from any relevant source, including data collection efforts related~~
27 ~~to veterans, such as the biennial California Women Veterans~~
28 ~~Survey and the Los Angeles Survey.~~

29 ~~(b) Work with state agencies that administer the services~~
30 ~~identified in subdivision (a) to develop a single application process~~
31 ~~or form that a veteran could use to apply for those identified~~
32 ~~services.~~

33 ~~(c) Create a process for collecting applications developed~~
34 ~~pursuant to subdivision (b) that are submitted by veterans, and~~
35 ~~forwarding those applications to the appropriate state agencies.~~